

May 2014 Labor Trends

Palm Beach County's May unemployment rate of **5.9%** is up from the April rate of **5.6%** reflecting a net loss of 2,094 jobs.

However, continued employment growth for Palm Beach County is indicated by the **2.5** percentage increase in the number of total non-agricultural jobs during the last twelve months. This represents a net gain of 13,400 jobs.

	May-14	Apr-14	May-13	Change May 2013 May 2014	Percent Change	Change Apr 2014 May 2014	Percent Change
Palm Beach County Labor Force							
Civilian Labor Force	663,162	659,199	650,422	12,740	2.0%	3,963	0.6%
Employment	623,981	622,112	602,915	21,066	3.5%	1,869	0.3%
Unemployment	39,181	37,087	47,507	-8,326	-17.5%	2,094	5.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.6%	7.3%				
Florida	6.1%	5.7%	7.3%				
National	6.1%	5.9%	7.3%				

Industry Title	Change from							
	May 2014	Apr 2014	May 2013	Apr 2014 to May 2014		May 2013 to May 2014		
				Level	Percent	Level	Percent	
Total Nonagricultural Employment	554,100	555,700	540,700	-1,600	-0.3%	13,400	2.5%	
Total Private	490,000	491,700	477,900	-1,700	-0.4%	12,100	2.5%	
Goods Producing	43,700	42,800	41,300	900	2.1%	2,400	5.8%	
Construction	28,400	27,600	25,900	800	2.9%	2,500	9.7%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,800	18,400	16,400	400	2.2%	2,400	14.6%	
Manufacturing	15,200	15,100	15,300	100	0.7%	-100	-0.7%	
Service Providing	510,400	512,900	499,400	-2,500	-0.5%	11,000	2.2%	
Private Service Providing	446,300	448,900	436,600	-2,600	-0.6%	9,700	2.2%	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	103,200	103,600	102,600	-400	-0.4%	600	0.6%	
Wholesale Trade	22,300	22,300	22,100	0	0.0%	200	0.9%	
Retail Trade	71,100	71,600	71,000	-500	-0.7%	100	0.1%	
Food and Beverage Stores	16,800	16,800	16,100	0	0.0%	700	4.4%	
Health and Personal Care Stores	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	0.0%	100	1.8%	
General Merchandise Stores	13,600	13,700	13,700	-100	-0.7%	-100	-0.7%	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,800	9,700	9,500	100	1.0%	300	3.2%	
Information	9,600	9,600	9,500	0	0.0%	100	1.1%	
Financial Activities	37,400	37,100	37,700	300	0.8%	-300	-0.8%	
Finance and Insurance	23,400	23,200	23,200	200	0.9%	200	0.9%	
Depository Credit Intermediation	6,500	6,600	6,600	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%	
Professional and Business Services	100,200	101,300	95,800	-1,100	-1.1%	4,400	4.6%	
Professional and Technical Services	43,300	44,200	41,100	-900	-2.0%	2,200	5.4%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,400	9,500	9,400	-100	-1.1%	0	0.0%	
Administrative and Waste Services	47,500	47,600	45,300	-100	-0.2%	2,200	4.9%	
Employment Services	13,000	13,200	11,500	-200	-1.5%	1,500	13.0%	
Education and Health Services	88,400	88,400	85,500	0	0.0%	2,900	3.4%	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	36,400	36,700	35,500	-300	-0.8%	900	2.5%	
Hospitals	18,100	17,900	18,100	200	1.1%	0	0.0%	
Leisure and Hospitality	78,400	79,900	76,400	-1,500	-1.9%	2,000	2.6%	
Accommodation and Food Services	61,000	61,900	59,800	-900	-1.5%	1,200	2.0%	
Accommodation	10,400	10,500	10,200	-100	-1.0%	200	2.0%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	50,600	51,400	49,600	-800	-1.6%	1,000	2.0%	
Other Services	29,100	29,000	29,100	100	0.3%	0	0.0%	
Total Government	64,100	64,000	62,800	100	0.2%	1,300	2.1%	
Federal	6,400	6,600	6,400	-200	-3.0%	0	0.0%	
State	9,200	8,900	9,100	300	3.4%	100	1.1%	
Local	48,500	48,500	47,300	0	0.0%	1,200	2.5%	

* = less than 0.1 percent

Note: Employment estimates have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Sum of detail may not equal totals due to rounding or the exclusion of certain industries from publication. All data are subject to revision.

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